



Webster County CONNECTION

MAY 2015

A Newsletter for Employees of Webster County, IA

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES!

Please join us
in welcoming:

Scott Forbes

Emergency
Management Director
EMA

Heather Perry

Correctional Officer
Jail

Joel Herrington

Park Ranger Intern
Conservation

Adam Moeding

Park Ranger Intern
Conservation

“Burst Your Thirst” Program –Register Now

We are very close to completing our Go Bananas wellness program, and it’s already time to kick off the next program!

The next wellness program is a Live Healthy Iowa program called “**BURST YOUR THIRST**”. This program runs **JUNE 15 – JULY 24**.

Teams of 2-10 employees compete in web-based competition tracking water consumption and minutes of physical activity. Each team member will report their weekly total in effort to accumulate points and move their team up the challenge leaderboard.



***TEAMS MUST REGISTER USING
THIS Group ID: LHIWCE ***

To register a team using this group ID, please go to www.livehealthyiowa.org, click on JOIN TODAY and enter the assigned ID in the Corporate/Group ID box. Complete the registration fields and submit. **Please register your team by May 31 if possible!**

There is NO cost to the employee to participate. The Webster County Wellness Committee will be picking up the cost of all registrations in this program! You will be able to register your team without submitting any payment.

IMPORTANT! New teams can register anytime before June 19 without being charged additional shipping fees – however, teams existing prior to May 31 may only add new members up to May 31 to avoid additional fees.

Participants will receive a Burst Your Thirst Water Bottle, weekly emails, a personal tracking page on the LHI website, and opportunities to win prizes!

Important Challenge Dates: June 1 – team packets begin shipping, June 15 – challenge begins, June 19 – registration closes, July 24 – challenge ends, July 28 – last day to report

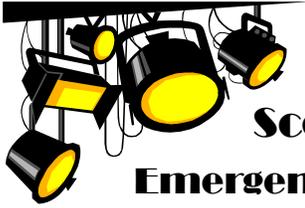
GET YOUR TEAM TOGETHER AND REGISTER TODAY!! FT Health Participants are eligible for a \$50 gift card from ISAC if you have not earned 3 already!

New Online University Courses Assigned

All employees have had at least five Online University courses assigned to them this month, which must be completed by **November 30th**, 2015. The website address for Online University is: <http://firstnetcampus.com/IMWCA/entities/IMWCA/logon.htm>. On your “My Training” page, any courses listed with a 11/30/15 must be clicked on! If previously completed, this will RE-SET the course.



Please do NOT attempt to re-register yourself at Online University if you have forgotten your User Name and / or password. Instead, please follow the instructions on the screen or call Amy Porter in Human Resources at 573-1148 to retrieve your User ID and receive a new password. Thank you!



Get to Know...

Scott Forbes

Emergency Mgmt. Director



Began working at Webster County on May 4th, 2015. I have a 12 yr old son Carter, my fiancée Morgan has a 7 yr old daughter Gracie, and together we have a 2 yr old daughter, Kinley. We have a black lab and a Himalayan cat. I enjoy racing and Iowa Hawkeyes and Chicago Bears football. As a family, we enjoy boating and spending time in Okoboji.

What movies can you watch over and over?

Several, but favorites are The Hangover, Christmas Vacation and Meet The Fockers.

Who is a person in history you'd like to meet?

Walt Disney

Last book you read? Would you recommend it?

Chicago Bears ABC, My First Alphabet Book—yes, I need to start my two year old off the right way!

What do you love the sound of?

Water hitting the rocks at the lake

What word or phrase do you love to use?

That's an RV Clark!

What is the farthest you've traveled and what did you do there?

Caribbean, relaxed on the beach and snorkeled

What is your all-time favorite snack?

Popcorn balls that my grandma used to make

Favorite birthday present as a kid?

My first Nintendo!

Something you've always wanted to try?

Skydiving, it's just getting myself to jump out of a perfectly good airplane.



Service Anniversaries

We would like to recognize the following employees for their years of service to Webster County as of May 2015. We're very fortunate to have all of you! We appreciate your service, loyalty and dedication.

- 49 years: **Bob Lauer**, Secondary Roads
- 34 years: **Kathleen Hay**, Treasurer (MV)
- 26 years: **Shelly Hearn**, Recorder
- 22 years: **LaVonne Pringle**, Child Support Recovery
- 18 years: **Marcia Vote**, Sheriff Office
- 17 years: **Andy McGill**, MIS
- 9 years: **Brian Henderson**, Engineer Office
Dale Strueker, Elections
- 8 years: **Darren Herzog**, Conservation
- 6 years: **Brandi Alexander**, Public Health
Melissa Grell, Public Health
Jennifer Peterman, Public Health
Paul Keller, Jail
- 4 years: **Luke Hubbell**, Secondary Roads
- 3 years: **Alison Hauser**, Community Services
Brad Janssen, Conservation
- 2 years: **Mike Schreiber**, Secondary Roads
Lacey Utley, Public Health
- 1 year: **Corey Wood**, Jail



Sunday, June 21st

WC Babies!

Josh Van Waes, Sheriff Deputy, and **Nikki Hokinson**, welcomed son **Emmett Michael** on April 3rd. He weighed 8 lb. 5 oz. **CONGRATS!!!**



Employee Wellness Celebration Planned For November

This year, the Webster County Wellness Committee is introducing a fun new incentive to participate in the County's ISAC wellness programs! We want to reward those employees who faithfully participate in the programs offered, thereby assuring that Webster County receives the highest discount on health insurance premiums possible.

The Wellness Committee will be hosting a party! And not just any old party. This party comes with delicious catered food, TONS of great prizes and a comedian!

SAVE THE DATE!: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

Social hour at 5:00, Dinner at 5:30, Guest Speaker at 6:00, followed by prizes and prizes and more prizes!

We are very excited to announce that **Gavin Jerome, the "Morale Mechanic"** will be our guest speaker at this event. Gavin Jerome has been a professional entertainer, stand-up comedian and motivational speaker for the past 20 years. He has worked with the likes of Jerry Seinfeld, Paul Reiser and Dennis Miller. You are guaranteed to laugh and have a great time! You can learn more about him at <http://themoralemechanic.com>!



How to get invited? EASY!

Just participate in / complete FOUR approved Webster County - ISAC wellness programs or activities by October 31, 2015. Be sure to register and / login at Wellmark.com and visit the Wellmark Wellness Center.

Then, do at least 4 of the following items:

- Complete the online Wellness Assessment at Wellmark.com's Wellness Center prior to 10/31/2015

- Complete a preventive exam prior to 10/31/2015 and SELF-REPORT the date on Wellmark.com in the Rewards section of the Wellness Center. The preventive exam can be an Annual Physical, Mammogram, Pap Smear, Prostate Exam, Zoster Vaccine or a Colonoscopy.

- Participate in the Live Healthy Iowa 10 Week Challenge (Jan-Feb)

- Participate in the Webster County program "Miles of Smiles" (Feb-Mar)

- Participate in "Go Bananas" (Apr-May)

- Participate in the Live Healthy Iowa Burst Your Thirst Challenge (register now!)

- Participate in the "LOL – Live Out Loud" program (upcoming)

So..... even if you haven't done any wellness programs yet, you can STILL qualify for a celebration invite! Just be sure to participate in the Burst Your Thirst Challenge (see email from earlier today) and the LOL program later this summer. Then take your online wellness assessment and get your preventive exam scheduled before Oct. 31. Bam! You're in!

Your Webster County Wellness Committee: Amy Porter, Angie Roderick, Andy McGill, Clark Fletcher, Erin Ford, Lindsay Kavanaugh and Tanya Martinson

Treasurer Office To Combine Tax and Motor Vehicle



The first floor of the Courthouse will be seeing some changes very soon. Jan Messerly, Webster County Treasurer, has had the combination of Motor Vehicle and Tax offices on her wish list for quite some time. She believes that combining the services of the two offices will increase efficiency, enable all of the employees in the Treasurer department to be cross-trained, and improve customer service. The Tax office has been undergoing construction in the past few months to prepare for the change and make accommodations for the Motor Vehicle equipment and employees. The move will take place on Thursday, May 28th, so the Motor Vehicle office will be closed on that day.

Schedule of Events

- * 6/2—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- * 6/9—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- * 6/14—Flag Day
- * 6/16—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- * **6/21—Father's Day**
- * 6/21—Summer Begins
- * 6/21—"No Women Left Inside" event
- * 6/23—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am
- * 6/24—Board of Supervisors Meeting, 10am

June 2015

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No Women Left Inside Event



Erin Ford with Webster County Conservation is hosting the event “**No Women Left Inside**” on Saturday, June 27th from 8:00am to 4:30pm — a great opportunity for women ages 13 and older. NWLI is a fun-filled women only event at Brushy Creek where you can try different outdoor skills and activities. Class choices include: bow hunting, fishing, shooting sports, dutch oven cooking, trailer backing, water sports, and DIY nature. If interested in receiving a brochure or for more information please e-mail eford@webstercountyia.org or call 515-576-4258. Enjoy the outdoors, meet new people, and get hands-on instruction in topics you’ve always wanted to know more about! The cost is \$30 and includes meals, drinks and supplies.

Upcoming June Events in Conservation:

June 2: Night Paddling, 9:00pm at Brushy Creek, south boat ramp
Canoes with lights will be provided on a first come, first serve basis. Lights required on vessels you bring.

June 5,6,7: Free Fishing Weekend

June 6: Fishing Derby, 10:00 am-noon at Brushy Creek fish pier
For beginners with a parent. Meet at fish pier point. Equipment, bait, and lunch provided.

June 13 & 14: 3-D Archery Shoot, 8:00 am-3:00 pm Kennedy Park
Join the Webster Co. Bowhunters & Archery Assoc. for 3-D marksmanship. \$12/shooter.

June 23: Night Hike, 9:00pm Dolliver Park south lodge

Reminder to FT Employees: The Open Enrollment period to submit changes to your Webster County Health Insurance plan ends effective Wednesday, June 3rd. This is the only time during the plan year that you may submit changes to your plan without experiencing a “qualifying event”. Please contact Amy Porter in Human Resources (#573-1148 or aporter@webstercountyia.org) by June 3rd if you would like to enroll or if you need to make any changes to your Health coverage for 2015-16. You will be required to sign an election or change form. Thank you!

